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Examiner: MICHENER, Jennifer Kolb

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For: DERIVATIZATION OF
SUPPORT SURFACES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22213-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **July 8, 2003**, and is submitted on or before the due date of **January 8, 2004**. A petition for a three-month extension of time and its requisite fee are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and consider the application.